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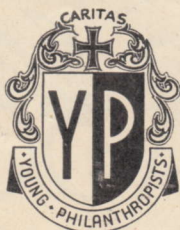
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We acknowledge our indebtedness to the CHAIRMAN (Comdt. W. O'Kelly) and the Committee of the Dublin Grand Opera Society for their ready response to our invitation, and the whole-hearted manner in which they have arranged for their talented company to provide such worthy presentations of world-renowned operas.

We welcome our many distinguished GUEST ARTISTES, most of whom are well-known to the music-loving people of Belfast, and we feel confident that our efforts to provide only the best—in keeping with the artistic temperament of our people—will meet with the approval of all.

We take this opportunity of thanking our ADVERTISERS whose response to our appeal made this Programme possible.

We thank MR. G. L. BIRCH, of the Royal Hippodrome, for his guidance in staging this great venture.

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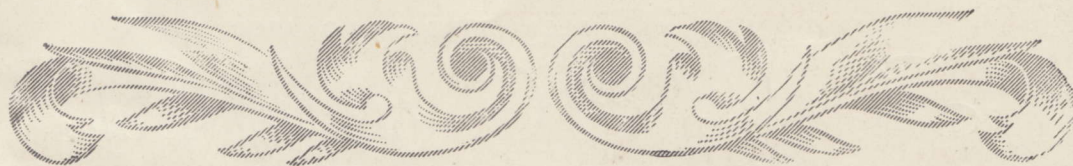
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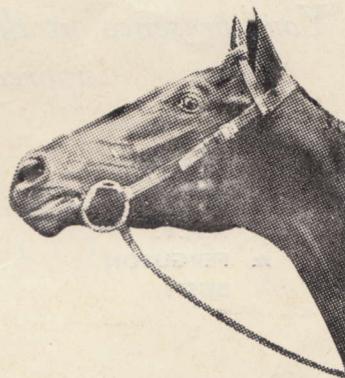
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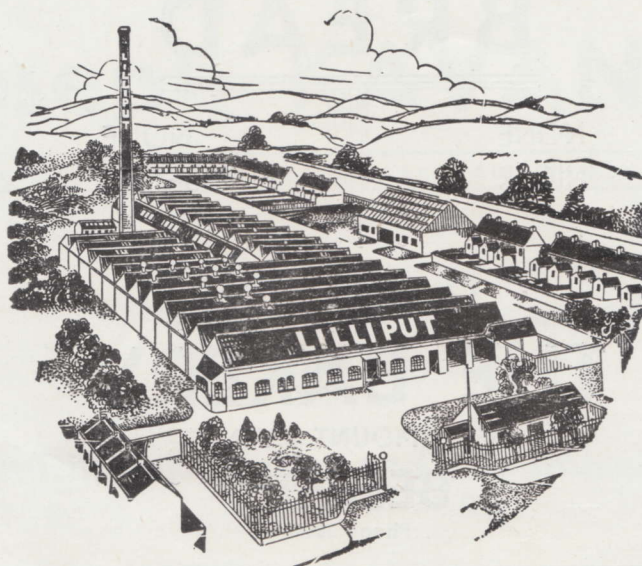
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Returning triumphant Radames is given the hand of the Princess by her father who also declares that he will grant whatever wish Radames desires to make. Radames asks for the release of the prisoners who are to be executed because Aida's father is among them. He does not know, however, that Aida's father is the king.

We find next Aida and Radames outside the temple where they meet in secret to say farewell. Aida's father, in hiding, has asked her to find the way Radames is to march on the Ethiopians. Aida asks him to fly with her and her father and he agrees, telling her that he will go the way the Army intends to take. The father appears, and Radames is furious at having been tricked into betraying his secret. At that moment Amneris, who was praying in the temple, overhears and hands Radames over to the guards.

Amneris, having vainly pleaded with him to give up Aida, Radames is tried and condemned to be buried alive under the temple, and in the final scene as we see the last stone being placed on his tomb, Radames is startled by a sound which he discovers is Aida. She has secretly hidden herself in the tomb so that she may share his death and be happy with him in the land which knows no sorrow.

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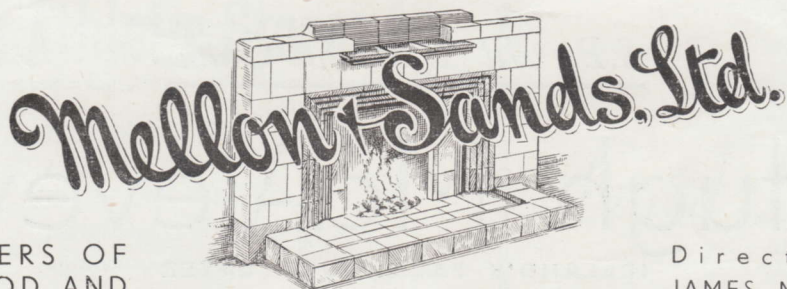
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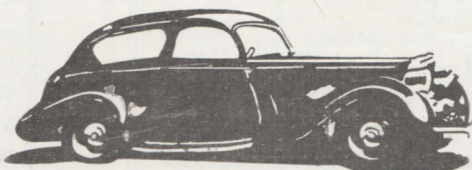
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